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Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry Returns to Full Schedule July 1

The Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry across the Connecticut River will return to a full 7-day-a-week schedule beginning Sunday, July 1, 2012, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) announced today. The full schedule will also be in effect for the Fourth of July.

DOT Commissioner James P. Redeker said the return to a full schedule is made possible by the hiring of two new crew members who are filling positions that have been vacant for more than a year. The vacancies had forced a reduction in the Ferry operating schedule to one shift a day. With the hirings, there will now be two shifts each weekday, spanning 12 hours – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – and one shift on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Commissioner also said that the public will see more descriptive signing on the roads leading not only to the Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry, but to the Chester-Hadlyme Ferry a little farther down the river as well.

The improved signage is a result of input received from the Connecticut River Task Force and the crews of the two ferries. The Task Force, composed of citizen supporters of both ferries, was formed about two years ago when the ferries were slated to be closed as a budget reduction measure. Meetings were held with the DOT and ideas generated to keep the ferries running now and in the future.

“I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the members of the Task Force who gave up their time for a cause close to the hearts of many,” said Commissioner Redeker. “I would also like to thank the crews of both ferries who have always been and will continue to be focused on providing the best service possible to the citizens of the state.”

The Commissioner also extended his appreciation to State Rep. Antonio Guerrero, D-Rocky Hill and Co-Chair of the General Assembly’s Transportation Committee; and Sen. Paul Doyle, D-Wethersfield; Rep. Marilyn Giuliano, R-Old Saybrook; and Rep. Prasad Srinivasan, R-Glastonbury; for their input during the process.

Information on the two Connecticut River ferries can be found on the Department of Transportation’s web page www.ct.gov/dot.

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